

# FIREMAN, CRUSHED IN BURNING DEBRIS, DIRECTS RESCUERS

Keeps Courage for More Than Hour, Refusing to Take a Drink.

## COMRADE BADLY HURT

Brooklyn Brewery Walls Crash to Ground, Burying Two Under Beams.

## TENEMENTS IN DANGER

Many Families Are Driven to Street Before Flames Burst Out on Roof.

Firemen John Bendy and William Walsh of Truck Company 145 were buried beneath a pile of burning wreckage late last night when the roof of the old Congress Brewery at 159 to 169 Meserole street, Brooklyn, fell in during a four alarm fire that destroyed the structure and damaged the roof of a large tenement house in 210 Scholes street, driving twenty-nine families into the streets.

The work of digging Walsh out from under the ruins proceeded for some time by the light of the burning building, which housed cooperage works and an automobile storage house and a large inflammable material that made the fire one of the most spectacular Brooklyn has seen in a long time. But finally the big building was entirely gone and the fire that had threatened to destroy the Scholes street tenement was under control. And when there was not sufficient light for the firemen to carry on their work of removing the layers of planks and timbers and beams that covered Walsh's body the searchlights of the engines and water towers were put to work.

The fire, with its great columns of black smoke and the glare that leaped hundreds of feet into the air, caused tremendous excitement in the Williamsburg cooperage works, which occupied that part of the old brewery building running from 163 to 169 Meserole street, and spread quickly into the automobile storage house of John Wallack, in 169 and 161 Meserole street.

Only a short time after the fire started the fire department and the police ordered the tenants of 210 Scholes street, directly in the rear of the brewery building, to leave their homes. They fled in their night clothing down fire escapes and stairways, and the last of them had hardly left before the top floor burst into flames. The firemen had been watching for this, however, and were able to extinguish the flames quickly. Many of the tenants, however, were not so lucky, and a few of those who lingered on the top floor in the hope of saving their belongings were slightly burned.

They were attacked by surgeons from the St. Catherine's, Greenpoint and Williamsburg hospitals, and by drug clerks in the neighborhood. Bendy and Walsh were in a line of six firemen who carried their little hose close to the walls of the burning building and threw the water upward. Most perpendicularly, Officer Walsh saw the roof buckling and cracking, and he shouted an alarm. For a moment the men leaped backward to safety, but Bendy and Walsh were caught. They went down underneath the pile of wreckage that plunged downward from the walls and floors. About 11 o'clock other firemen dragged Fireman Bendy from the wreckage, but he was unconscious. His clothing had been burned and ripped almost from his body, and he had been so badly hurt that he was hurried at once to St. Catherine's Hospital, where physicians said he had a possible fracture of the skull, fracture of both legs and probably internal injuries. He is not expected to recover.

Fireman Walsh, however, was pinned underneath the pile of wreckage for more than an hour and was not rescued until after midnight. The danger of dropping huge beams and timbers down upon him was great that the firemen of the rescue squad and others detailed from truck and engine companies to help in the work literally had to remove the wreckage piece by piece and layer by layer. Each small bit of timber had to be lifted separately from the great pile of smoldering and burning wreckage.

But during all the time that Walsh was pinned underneath the pile he remained conscious and directed the work of his rescuers, telling them at what points they could help with their work and at what points they had best stop slowly because of the danger of crushing him.

"I don't think I am hurt much," Walsh told his comrades as one of them dropped to his knees and shouted to him. "But you had better be careful. There are a lot of very heavy timber pieces above my head, and if they are dislodged I am done."

It was a long hour that Walsh remained underneath the wreckage, and it was a very painful hour for him, because one of his legs had been injured and he was suffering terribly from internal injuries. But through all of the torture of the timbers pressing against his body and the suffocating smoke that rolled under the wreckage from the water-soaked and smoldering beams Walsh retained his courage. At one point during the work, when the rescue had progressed to the point where the gleam of Walsh's helmet was visible in the rays of the lights, a physician asked him if he wanted a drink.

"I never took a drink in my life," he said. "This is no time to begin. I'll stick it out this way."

**BLOWN OUT OF BED BY BOILER EXPLOSION**  
Physician and Wife Unhurt, but Janitor Is Injured.

An explosion of a boiler in the Hillcrest apartments, 480 West 118th street, a six story building housing twenty-four families, injured a negro janitor severely yesterday morning and blew Dr. and Mrs. Titus Bull out of bed, without hurting them. Dr. Bull's apartment is on the first floor, almost directly over the boiler. There was no fire, the rescue men said, and the explosion was caused by a rupture of the boiler.

# TEACHER SPES BOY ROBBER

Missive Passed in School Plans \$30 Haul in Brooklyn Store—Nine Mysterious Thefts Cleared by Confessions, Say Police.

A teacher in Public School 167, East-ern Parkway and Schenectady avenue, Brooklyn, scanned the aisles of her classroom yesterday afternoon and saw a bit of paper flick from the top of the desk of Sven Lundberg, down the aisle toward the desk of Isidore Berman. It did not quite reach Berman's desk but the teacher saw Berman make a sudden motion toward the floor and the white bit of paper disappeared. The teacher performed her duty as she saw it and commanded the note and reprimanded both boys.

Returning to her desk she put the note into her desk and did not think any more about the incident until after the close of school, when she took some classroom papers out of the desk and found the note. Then she opened the note and read the boyish scrawl. It said:

"I know where there is \$30 in a cash

drawer in a store on Kingston avenue. We'll get it to-night."

The teacher was startled and reread the note several times. She decided to notify the police. The latter acted promptly. They rounded up Lundberg, who is 14 years old, at his home, 232 Schenectady avenue; Berman, who is 12, at 1329 St. John's place, and after questioning them brought in two other youths, Samuel Black age 12, of 1305 Prospect place, and John Ambinder, aged 13, of 334 Albany avenue.

For four hours, according to Detective Brady, the boys held out. Then he said, they admitted having "pulled" nine robberies, listing among their "jobs" \$15 from a beauty parlor at 377 China avenue, \$15 in cash and \$35 in stamps from a drug store at Troy avenue and Union street; \$9 from a fruit store at 324 Albany avenue; \$17 and fruit and crackers from a delicatessen store at 271 Troy avenue, and \$350 from a cash drawer of a hand laundry at 273 Troy avenue. They will be arraigned in Children's Court to-day.

# DRUG RAID CAPTIVE SAYS HE IS BURGLAR

Man With Jimmy in Brooklyn 'Jab Joint' Asserts 'Coke' Made Him 'Good Cook'

A finely appointed apartment in Meserole street, Brooklyn, in the densely populated tenement section, and described by the police as a "jab joint," or place where drug addicts and criminals could obtain hypodermic injections of various narcotics, was raided by detectives of the narcotic squad last night. Following the raid it was announced by Dr. Carleton Simon, Special Deputy Commissioner in charge of the anti-drug crusade, that one of the prisoners held the solution to a score of Brooklyn apartment burglaries which have baffled the investigators.

The prisoner was Leo J. Corrigan, 22. According to the detectives he boasted to them of his prowess as a flat burglar and recounted his experiences in occupying from policemen who were called while he was at work on various night jobs. He also asserted, it was said, that he had a hand in the theft of an automobile owned by a doctor, that he was held the solution to a score of Brooklyn apartment burglaries which have baffled the investigators.

Corrigan was charged with violation of the Sullivan law and was locked up pending arraignment to-day. While in the Detective Bureau he told how his craving for drugs transformed him from a salesman to a thief, and admitted, according to the detectives, that he was a member of a racket that he went to the Meserole apartment last night. A loaded revolver and a Jimmy, it was charged, were found in his possession.

The raid was planned by Dr. Simon after his office had been informed that the apartment was a gathering place for drug users. The house was surrounded by detectives of the "narcotic squad" early in the evening, and at 11 o'clock the signal for the raid was given. Inside the place was found Mrs. Florence Randolph, 32, a well dressed and refined appearing woman. She was charged with operating the alleged "jab joint," and locked up in the Bushwick avenue station. A quantity of heroin was found in the flat, it was alleged.

Corrigan and two other men were in the sitting room of the apartment when the detectives entered. The two others were permitted to go after they had been searched, but Corrigan, recognized by Boylan as an old offender, was detained.

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# U. S. GIVES UP PART OF SEIZED LIQUORS

Thousands of Cases Withdrawn on Advice of Special Counsel to Kramer.

Thousands of cases of liquor which are said to have been seized by the enforcement authorities upon insufficient grounds are being returned to their owners upon the advice of Percy Vize, special counsel to Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, it was learned yesterday. Mr. Vize came here following a conference which State Prohibition Director O'Connor had with Commissioner Kramer last Tuesday. Mr. O'Connor is known to have protested against some of the seizures made by the enforcement branch as unwarlike.

Commissioner Kramer's attention was called to the situation by counsel for Felix Crisafilli, a wholesale liquor dealer at 21 Commercial street. Three hundred cases of whiskey shipped to Crisafilli from Kentucky were seized two weeks ago by Dan Chapin, former enforcement chief. A month before Commissioner Kramer had ordered that no more liquor should be removed from the warehouse, but Crisafilli protested the seizure because the original permit, which he lost, was not some time before the order was issued.

Ernest Langley, the new enforcement chief, was reported to have signed several orders yesterday for the return of liquor seized by Mr. Chapin. Neither he nor Mr. O'Connor would discuss the matter, nor would they admit that there had been any friction between the two departments.

Within the last two days trucks are reported to have carried away thousands of cases from the Knickerbocker Warehouse, five self-maintained and hope for storage. It has been reported that liquor stored there were valued at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. How much is being returned could not be learned.

According to figures made public by the Anti-Saloon League yesterday only 25 per cent of the saloons on First, Second and Third avenues have gone out of business since 1918. The league is carrying out a survey of saloons on all the principal thoroughfares in Manhattan.

The preliminary report states: "On First avenue 150 properties which carried licenses in 1918 were visited; thirty-seven have gone out of business and 117 are still open, with 117 more closing their doors. Six liquor stores are selling bottle goods."

"On Second avenue, of 184 places only thirty-one have gone out of business; 124 saloons are open at their old stands, nineteen liquor stores are selling liquor, while only thirty-one have been changed into establishments doing a legitimate business."

"On Third avenue, of 227 places holding licenses in 1918, only sixty-three have gone out of business, 152 saloons are still open and two places are liquor stores, five sell malt and hops for home brew and five are beverage stores, which claim to sell soft drinks."

The very continued existence of these places is prima facie evidence of violation of the law. They can be closed up whenever the city authorities honestly wish them closed and move in to have authority to direct the violation of the law, entirely independent of any State enforcement legislation, to apply for an injunction under the Federal law."

# ANOTHER MEMBER OF POLICE'S HELD FOR MOTOR THEFT

Confessed Thief Squeals on Patrolman Briggs as His Partner in Crime.

## REVEALS VICE TRIBUTE

Young Woman Tells Whitman's Aid She Paid Hundreds for Protection.

## INVESTIGATION STARTED

Policeman Got \$50 and \$100 at Time, She Says; Arrested When She Stopped.

The indictment of another policeman by the Grand Jury with which Charles S. Whitman is working became public yesterday when Patrolman John Briggs of the East 104th street station was arraigned before Judge Crain in General Sessions on a charge of grand larceny and receipt of stolen property. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$1,500 bail.

He is accused of buying from Harry Greathatch, a confessed automobile thief now in the Tombs awaiting sentence, a car which he knew to have been stolen from Mrs. Laura Lowenstein of 169 West 180th street. Mrs. Lowenstein left it in front of the Elks' Club in West Forty-third street on November 15 and Greathatch drove away in it. It is alleged that Patrolman Briggs gave the thief \$300 for the car, although its value was \$1,800, and on the same day, by giving the Secretary of State's office a false motor number, got a license in his own name.

On November 27, it is charged, Briggs, using the same false motor number, transferred the machine back to Greathatch. The latter then tried to sell it to a florist for \$800, but the florist, suspicious of the price, called Police Headquarters and a story told him by a member of the automobile squad, Greathatch and his wife were witnesses before the Grand Jury on Tuesday when Briggs was indicted.

James E. Smith, an Assistant District Attorney helping Mr. Whitman, is investigating a story told him by a woman who says that while soliciting men on the streets she had to pay tribute to a member of the special service division at Police Headquarters in the form both of money and silk shirts. She says she is twenty-three years old, came to New York from Connecticut seven years ago and has been in the city for four years, or until her marriage last year. "I used to pay between \$200 and \$300 as a guarantee," is one of the sentences of her statement.

Fourteen months ago, she says, she became friendly with the special service policeman after being arrested and discharged. She used to go taxi-cabbing with him to a Brooklyn restaurant and on these trips she gave him \$2 "for expenses." She says she often gave him money, as "he was losing heavy on the horses and would have lost everything." She speaks of giving him \$50 and \$100 at a time, and of buying him "a few silk shirts, silk socks and two ties." The shirts cost \$15.00 each. For about a month she paid him \$10 a night.

She was married on June 7 last, she says, although the policeman told her she was foolish to do so. She then ceased her relations with the policeman, but she met him just before Christmas and promised him a few shirts as a present. But the policeman asked her, a few days later, if she had done so, she told him she had no money and he said he would wait for her. She was arrested by another policeman and sent to Blackwell's Island.

"Special service division" is the modern equivalent of "vice squad."

# LIGHT COMPANIES WIN STAY OF INJUNCTION

Courts Permit Collection of Excess Charges.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court granted yesterday an order staying the injunction of Justice Daniel F. Cohalan forbidding the New York Edison Company and the United Electric Light Company from collecting more than a seven cent rate pending appeal of Justice Cohalan's decision. The rate which was restrained under Justice Cohalan's decision, now recovered ranged from 7 1/2 to 8 cents, based upon the cost of coal. The companies agree now to refund the excess charge if their appeal is decided adversely to them, and have filed surety bonds covering the amount which will be collected in the meanwhile. The decision upon the appeal is expected early in April.

The order staying the injunction was granted upon petition of Beardsley, Hemmens & Taylor, counsel for the companies, and was opposed by John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel of the city, upon whose petition the injunction had been granted.

# TO SELL DREAMLAND IN BULK ON TUESDAY

Small Bondholders' Plan for Sale in Parcels Fast.

The sale of the Dreamland property at Coney Island will take place next Tuesday, as the result of the decision handed down by Supreme Court Justice Van Sicken in Brooklyn yesterday, and the property will be sold in bulk, as originally intended.

Gustavo A. Rogers, representing holders of bonds and stocks of Dreamland aggregating \$400,000, asked Justice Van Sicken to direct that the property be sold in parcels in foreclosure proceedings, as well as bulk. Mr. Rogers said he represented a number of small bondholders who had their savings bound up in the enterprise, and that it would be unfair to them to have the property sold only in bulk, as they could not bid on such a large proposition.

Broadway at Ninth Street, New York.  
Business Hours—9 to 5.

"I Keep in Touch with Your Splendid Store Almost Every Day

and its inexhaustible beauty and newness is a never-failing inspiration and refreshment to my tired mind."

So said a letter that came to the writer a thousand of miles away from his workshop. To do something uplifting to others as we pass along is well worth while if we can send out a singing note of music to ears or eyes or jaded souls whose tasks are also to be creative in whatever sphere they live.

The letter closed with these words: "Beauty refreshes and strengthens the spirit and produces a feeling of reverence akin to prayer."

*John Wanamaker*  
March 19, 1921.

# March Matinee

Today at 2:30 in the Wanamaker Auditorium—BESSIE GREGORY, contralto. HILDA HINRICHS, cellist. EILEEN MAYO, danseuse. CLAIRE RIVERS MOODY and J. THURSTON NOE, at the piano.

First Gallery, New Building.

# B-o-o-k-s

All the new books, novels and the more serious works, will be found today in The Book Store.

Eighth Gallery, New Building.

# S-w-e-e-t-s

The particular sweetness prepared for this week-end is a box containing one pound of chocolate covered marshmallows, to go at the special price 50c.

Eighth Gallery, New Building.

Downstairs Store, New Bldg.

Two models illustrated. The sketch shows that the coats are to be of fine simplicity and correct design. The raglan sleeves and deeply notched collar and the long straight sweep from neck to hem are all most desirable in this type of coat, which is worn for both sports and trotteur occasions.

Details of tailoring are unusually good. The finish of the seams and the lapels and cuffs are really worthy of comment. Each coat is lined with matching satin of excellent quality.

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FOR MISS 14 to 20

Polo coats, \$29.75 Serge Suits, \$39.50

For Miss 14 to 20 \$29.75 has been quoted before in New York, but NOT for coats of this quality.

These coats are fashioned of the same fine soft polo cloth as that in our \$45 coats—and the coats were made by the same painstaking tailor who made the \$45 coats.

Two models—one is illustrated, the other is fashioned with long roll collar which permits the fronts being worn in Tuxedo fashion. Natural color only—peau de cygne linings to match. Leather buttons.

FOR MISS 14 to 20 Commendable quality of navy blue serge in these suits—that is why they have been so successfully tailored.

Two severely tailored models—one is illustrated—both are reproductions of \$65 suits.

Coats have narrow detachable belts.

Suits at \$65 For Miss 14 to 20 Two models in tricot for dress wear—coats of both models are bordered with embroidery. Navy blue, rook, or black. Also, a severely tailored model in tricot, with braided-bound coat.

Also—trotteur suits of tweed at \$32.50.

Crepe de chine frocks For Miss 14 to 20 The simplicity that the Parisienne adores is the keynote of this frock at \$32.50—illustrated—it may be chosen in navy blue trimmed with Copen ribbon, black with white, beige with brown, French blue with gray, gray and navy, or in all white.

Same model in polka dotted crepe de chine is \$39.50.

Second Floor, Old Building.

A new Blouse of ecru net at \$5.75 Ecru net trimmed with narrow Valenciennes lace and embroidered with small attractive motifs, all of the same shade, is an excellent style fashion feature for this spring.

One usually associates smart and well designed net blouses with a definitely high price.

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It is not big type and big talk in the newspapers—but the quality, fashion and fair price of the goods in the store which make value and give lasting satisfaction.

# Charming Venetian Glass

AU QUATRIEME Tiny Venetian glass baskets in amethyst, blue, many yellow or vivid orange are exquisite, suggestive of spring flowers, 50c, 75c and \$1.

The Easter table will take on a particular charm and lightness if these are used as decorations. Then, too, there are little composites on short stems, and made with two handles, in the same lovely colors. Price \$2. Little shallow dishes, with one handle, \$1.50.

Tiny delicate saucers and peppers, shaped like miniature composites, \$1.50 each.

Lovely single flowers of Venetian glass, in the form of lilies, tulips, great pansies and daisies, and lilies in natural color, or all white, \$2.50.

Tiny pots of flowers in delicate color, or all white pottery, \$2, \$3 and \$3.50.

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